GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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IMPLICATION OF SUGAR IMPORT ON FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the threat of import of sugar has adversely affected the agriculture sector;

(b) if so, its implications noticed so far on farmers; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)to(c): The import of sugar is under OGL.The Government is keeping a close watchon the import of sugar and in order to regulate the import Government has increased the customs duty on import of sugar to 60% along with continuance of countervailing duty of Rs.850/- per tonne with effect from the 9th February, 2000. With the increase of customs duty to 60% import of sugar has substantially declined. As per published data of Directorate General of Commercial intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S). Kolkata,imports of sugar are merely placed at 30.612 tonnes (provisional) during the financial year 2000-2001 as against 11,81,183 tonnes during 1999-2000.